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Attn: Laura Ellen, District Design Liaison, MoDOT

RE: Willott Road Resurfacing Project – STP 7305 (609)
Public Interest Finding Request for EJ Ergonomic Manhole Lids and Frames

The City of St. Peters is requesting approval of finding in the public interest to use the *EJ Ergonomic* sewer manhole lids as part of the Willott Road Resurfacing Project – STP 7305 (609).

The City of St. Peters operates a sanitary and storm sewer collection and treatment system. At locations where manholes associated with this system are located within traffic lanes and subject to wheel loads, or where there is significant likelihood of surface storm water infiltration through manhole top, the City installs *EJ Ergonomic* locking manhole lids and frames. The City of St. Peters has established *EJ Ergonomic* manhole locking systems as its standard. This standardization eliminates the need for City repair and service staff to carry multiple keys to open the manholes, which improves the City operation efficiency and response time. In addition, this standardization allows the City to minimize inventory costs.

For the reasons outlined above, the City of St. Peters requests approval to specify the contractor supply and install *EJ Ergonomic* manhole lids.

Sincerely,

Jason B. Lewis
Civil Engineer
City of St. Peters

I do hereby certify that in accordance with the requirements of 23 CFR 635.411(a)(2), this patented or proprietary item is essential for synchronization with existing highway facilities.

State Design Engineer